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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT SIXTH YEAR FUNDING UNDER
THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT (JJCPA) FOR FISCAL YEAR
2006-2007 FROM THE STATE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY**

(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to apply for \$27,874,194 in Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funding for FY 2006-2007 from the State Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), formerly the Board of Corrections (BOC).
2. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the County of Los Angeles Application and Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Modification (Plan) and submit final documents to the CSA by May 1, 2006 and make subsequent program modifications, if needed.
3. Authorize the Chief Probation Officer to accept \$27,874,194 in sixth year Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funding for FY 2006-2007 from the CSA, upon approval of the County of Los Angeles Application and Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Modification.
4. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to execute any amendments or extensions to existing contracts for the purpose of continuing programs implemented under the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan developed by the Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, upon approval as to form by County Counsel, and to report any program changes as appropriate.

5. Delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with various government agencies to provide services consistent with the Plan, upon approval as to form by County Counsel; and to report to the Board as appropriate.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain Board approval to adopt a Resolution (Attachment A) authorizing the Chief Probation Officer to apply for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) funding to continue the implementation of the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (Plan) for a sixth year, and giving assurances that the Board has reviewed and approved the County of Los Angeles Application and Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan Modification (Application and Plan Modification). The Corrections Standards Authority (CSA), formerly the Board of Corrections (BOC), requires that a resolution be approved and adopted by your Board and submitted with the Application and Plan Modification (Attachment B). The deadline for submission of the application and related documents is May 1, 2006.

The Plan was a result of a multi-agency planning effort coordinated by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC). The Plan was approved by the CSA and implemented following approval by your Board on March 20, 2001. Consistent with CSA requirements, the JJCC has continued to meet on a monthly basis to coordinate and oversee the implementation of the Plan.

The proposed Application and Plan Modification includes the following changes:

- Replacement of youth services specialist (YSS) worker with parent advocate workers. The Department will be developing a solicitation for this service.
- Replacement of transportation CBO services with services linked to the program. The Department will use its transportation resources to support program participants.
- Piloting of a centralized middle school DPO model that will draw referrals from the district office thereby targeting a larger number of probation and at-risk youth and a population identified by the school district as high-risk.

Attachment C provides a list of funding specifically allocated to other government agencies. During the month of March 2006, meetings were held where current service providers and other stakeholders were given the opportunity to provide input on the services presently

provided under the JJCPA program. The meetings included workgroups with representatives from service providers, County departments, commissions, parents, and advocacy groups. The proposed changes take into consideration input from the workgroups, a review by the RAND Corporation, and Probation's experience during the past five years.

Until the Legislature sends the Governor a budget, the CSA cannot guarantee the funding amount for JJCPA. Therefore, for planning purposes, counties are instructed to use the amount of JJCPA funds allocated in FY 2005-2006 for FY 2006-2007. CSA will review and approve plans based on that amount. Changes due to population adjustments that impact the allocation formula or legislative action on the Governor's proposed budget may change the funding allocation. Probation will make the necessary adjustments in the event of a reduction in funding. Attachment D outlines the proposed JJCPA funding allocations for FY2006-2007 using Los Angeles County's FY 2005-2006 allocation of \$27,874,194.

Approved services are currently provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations. The recommended action will also delegate authority to the Chief Probation Officer to negotiate, execute, and/or extend current agreements with these agencies and organizations to continue these efforts, as required in the Plan.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Children and Families' Well-Being Goal #5, as implementation of the recommendations will enable the Probation Department to continue the coordination and collaboration of integrated services for probation and at-risk youth and their families across functional and jurisdictional boundaries. The recommended actions are consistent with Service Excellence Goal #1 as the Probation Department will evaluate the JJCPA funded services based on results.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The CSA anticipates allocating \$27,874,194 in JJCPA funds, pending its approval of the County's Application and Plan Modification. In the event of funding reductions, the

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necessary adjustments will be made to the JJCPA programs. There is no match requirement or net County cost associated with the Plan. The County must adhere to JJCPA requirements regarding the expenditure of said funds.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 20, 2001, your Board authorized the Chief Probation Officer to finalize the Plan and apply to CSA for Crime Prevention Act of 2000 funding, now known as JJCPA. The County's initial allocation was \$34,917,974. SB 736 (Poochigian-Burton) addressed the future of JJCPA and authorized the CSA to fund participating counties for FY 2002-2003. For FY 2006-2007, Los Angeles County's allocation, pending CSA's approval of the Application and Plan Modification, is \$27,897,194. The funds are to be expended by June 30, 2007.

Funding eligibility under JJCPA requires each county to submit to the CSA an application consisting of a Plan Modification and resolution from your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

This funding will allow for the continued implementation of the Plan that addresses the critical problem of mental health needs of probationers, provides community-level prevention and intervention strategies that target high-risk neighborhoods, and focuses on achieving school success for probationers and at-risk youth. These services are currently provided through the collaborative efforts of government agencies and community-based organizations.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (4)

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
JJCC Members